Subject: Re: unformatted strings (reading)
Posted by David Foster on Wed, 07 Feb 1996 08:00:00 GMT

immel@gi.alaska.edu (Thomas Immel) wrote:
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>   Here's a question for anyone who reads unformatted strings.
> Is there a way to read a whole ,say 10 character, string at once
> in IDL? Here's what is happening to me.
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If you know the length of the string you want to read, you can
always do something like:

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 openw, 5, 'test'
 writeu, 5, 'Whatever'
 free_lun, 5
 openr, 5, 'test'
 s = string( replicate(32B, 8) )   ; String of 8 spaces
 readu, 5, s
 free_lun, 5
 print, s
 Whatever
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